## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
- 2 reading distinguished name data from a signed certificate received from a certificate
- 3 authority; and 5,45-50
- 4 searching a data structure to identify a certificate signing request associated with the
- signed certificate, the identified certificate signing request corresponding to the
- 6 read distinguished name data. 2,38-39

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying a key pair
- 2 associated with the signed certificate. 2, 49-54
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, the read distinguished name data comprising all of
- 2 the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.  $\frac{5}{7}/8-2\nu$
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, the identified certificate signing request
- 2 corresponding to a portion of the read distinguished name data. 5/8 2v
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising importing the signed certificate
- 2 to a server associated with the identified certificate signing request.

_1	6. The method of claim 5, wherein the signed certificate is imported to a
$\searrow_2$	6. The method of claim 5, wherein the signed certificate is imported to a device that performs SSL processing on behalf of the server.

- The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying at least two
- 2 certificate signing requests associated with the signed certificate. 7, 71-45
- 1 8. A method comprising:
- 2 providing a mapping table including distinguished name data for each of a plurality of
- 3 certificate signing requests;
- 4 extracting distinguished name data from a signed certificate received from a certificate
- 5 authority; and
- 6 \*comparing the extracted distinguished name data with the mapping table data to identify
- 7 a certificate signing request associated with the signed certificate from the
- 8 plurality of certificate signing requests.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, the mapping table including at least a common
- 2 name for each of the plurality of certificate signing requests.
- 1 10. The method of claim 8, the extracted distinguished name data comprising
- 2 all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.

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signed certificate.

1 11. The method of claim 8, the extracted distinguished name data comprising 2 a common name.

- 1 O 12. The method of claim 8, further comprising comparing a portion of the
  2 extracted distinguished name data with a portion of the distinguished name data of each
  3 certificate signing request contained in the mapping table to identify the certificate
  4 signing request associated with the signed certificate.
  - © 13. The method of claim 12, the portion of the extracted distinguished name data comprising a common name.
    - 14. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

      comparing the extracted distinguished name data with the mapping table data to identify at least two certificate signing requests from the plurality of certificate signing requests; and determining which of the at least two certificate signing requests is associated with the
- 1 15. The method of claim 14, further comprising performing a second search of 2 the mapping table data to determine which of the at least two certificate signing requests 3 is associated with the signed certificate.

- 1 16. The method of claim 8, further comprising importing the signed certificate
- 2 to a server associated with the identified certificate signing request.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the signed certificate is imported to a
- 2 device that performs SSL processing on behalf of the server.
- 1 18. The method of claim 8, further comprising identifying at least two
- 2 certificate signing requests associated with the signed certificate.

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- 19. A method comprising:
- 2 generating a certificate signing request, the certificate signing request including
- 3 / distinguished name data;
- 4 \(\storing\) the distinguished name data in a mapping table;
- 5  $\kappa$  transmitting the certificate signing request to a certificate authority;  $\int \zeta + \zeta = 1$
- 6 \* receiving a signed certificate from the certificate authority, the signed certificate
- 7 including distinguished name data;
- 8  $\times$  extracting the distinguished name data from the signed certificate; and  $\geq_1 45 47$
- 9  $\nabla$  comparing the extracted distinguished name data with the stored distinguished name data
- contained in the mapping table to identify the certificate signing request.
- 1 20. The method of claim 19, the stored distinguished name data comprising all
- 2 of the distinguished name data contained in the certificate signing request. 3, 21-45

- 1 21. The method of claim 19, the stored distinguished name data comprising a common name.
- 1 22. The method of claim 19, further comprising comparing a portion of the extracted distinguished name data with a portion of the stored distinguished name data.
- 1 23. The method of claim 19, further comprising comparing a common name 2 contained in the extracted distinguished name data with a common name contained in the 3 stored distinguished name data.
- 1 24. The method of claim 19, the extracted distinguished name data comprising 2 all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.
  - 25. The method of claim 19, the extracted distinguished name data comprising a common name.
- 1 26. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
- 2 generating a key pair associated with the certificate signing request; and
- 3 identifying the key pair when comparing the extracted distinguished name data with the
- 4 stored distinguished name data.

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- 1 27. The method of claim 19, further comprising importing the signed 2 certificate to a server associated with the certificate signing request.
- 1 28. The method of claim 19, further comprising importing the signed 2 certificate to an SSL processing device.
- 1 29. A system comprising: (103)
- a memory coupled with a bus, the memory having a mapping table resident thereon; and
   a processing device coupled with the bus, the processing device to
  - read distinguished name data from a signed certificate received from a certificate authority, and
    - search the mapping table to identify a certificate signing request associated with the signed certificate, the identified certificate signing request corresponding to the read distinguished name data.
- 1 30. The system of claim 29, the processing device to identify a key pair 2 associated with the signed certificate.
- 1 31. The system of claim 29, the read distinguished name data comprising all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.

- 1 32. The system of claim 29, the identified certificate signing request
- 2 corresponding to a portion of the read distinguished name data.
- 1 33. The system of claim 29, the memory comprising a non-volatile data
- 2 storage device.
- 1 34. The system of claim 29, wherein a plurality of servers are coupled with the
- 2 bus, the processing device to download the signed certificate to a selected server of the
- 3 plurality of servers, the selected server associated with the identified certificate signing
- 4 request.
- 1 35. The system of claim 29, wherein an SSL processing device is coupled
- with the bus, the processing device to download the signed certificate to the SSL
- 3 processing device.

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1	36. An article of manufacture comprising:
2	a machine accessible medium providing content that, when accessed by a machine,
3	causes the machine to
4	read distinguished name data from a signed certificate received from a certificate
5	authority; and
6	search a data structure to identify a certificate signing request associated with the
7	signed certificate, the identified certificate signing request corresponding
8	to the read distinguished name data.

- 37. The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein the content, when accessed, further causes the machine to identify a key pair associated with the signed certificate.
- 38. The article of manufacture of claim 36, the read distinguished name data comprising all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.
- 1 39. The article of manufacture of claim 36, the identified certificate signing 2 request corresponding to a portion of the read distinguished name data.
- 40. The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein the content, when 2 accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to a server associated with the identified certificate signing request.

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- 1 41. The article of manufacture of claim 40, wherein the content, when
  2 accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to a device that
  3 performs SSL processing on behalf of the server.
- 1 42. The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein the content, when 2 accessed, further causes the machine to identify at least two certificate signing requests 3 associated with the signed certificate.
  - 43. An article of manufacture comprising:

    a machine accessible medium providing content that, when accessed by a machine,

    causes the machine to

    provide a mapping table including distinguished name data for each of a plurality

    of certificate signing requests;

    extract distinguished name data from a signed certificate received from a

    certificate authority; and

    compare the extracted distinguished name data with the mapping table data to

identify a certificate signing request associated with the signed certificate

1 44. The article of manufacture of claim 43, the mapping table including at 2 least a common name for each of the plurality of certificate signing requests.

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- 1 45. The article of manufacture of claim 43, the extracted distinguished name 2 data comprising all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.
- 1 46. The article of manufacture of claim 43, the extracted distinguished name 2 data comprising a common name.
  - O47. The article of manufacture of claim 43, wherein the content, when accessed, further causes the machine to compare a portion of the extracted distinguished name data with a portion of the distinguished name data of each certificate signing request contained in the mapping table to identify the certificate signing request associated with the signed certificate.
  - 48. The article of manufacture of claim 47, the portion of the extracted distinguished name data comprising a common name.
- 1 49. The article of manufacture of claim 43, wherein the content, when
- 2 accessed, further causes the machine to:
- 3 compare the extracted distinguished name data with the mapping table data to identify at
- 4 least two certificate signing requests from the plurality of certificate signing
- 5 requests; and
- 6 determine which of the at least two certificate signing requests is associated with the
- 7 signed certificate.

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- The article of manufacture of claim 49, wherein the content, when

  accessed, further causes the machine to perform a second search of the mapping table

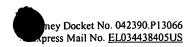
  data to determine which of the at least two certificate signing requests is associated with

  the signed certificate.
- 1 51. The article of manufacture of claim 43, wherein the content, when 2 accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to a server associated 3 with the identified certificate signing request.
  - 52. The article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the content, when accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to a device that performs SSL processing on behalf of the server.
  - 53. The method of claim 43, wherein the content, when accessed, further causes the machine to identify at least two certificate signing requests associated with the signed certificate.

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1	54. An article of manufacture comprising:
2	a machine accessible medium providing content that, when accessed by a machine,
3	causes the machine to
4	generate a certificate signing request, the certificate signing request including
5	distinguished name data;
6	store the distinguished name data in a mapping table;
7	transmit the certificate signing request to a certificate authority;
8	receive a signed certificate from the certificate authority, the signed certificate
9	including distinguished name data;
10	extract the distinguished name data from the signed certificate; and
11	compare the extracted distinguished name data with the stored distinguished name
12	data contained in the mapping table to identify the certificate signing
13	request.
1	55. The article of manufacture of claim 54, the stored distinguished name data
2	comprising all of the distinguished name data contained in the certificate signing request.
1	56. The article of manufacture of claim 54, the stored distinguished name data
2	comprising a common name.

- 1 57. The article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the content, when 2 accessed, further causes the machine to compare a portion of the extracted distinguished
- 3 name data with a portion of the stored distinguished name data.
- 1 58. The article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the content, when
- 2 accessed, further causes the machine to compare a common name contained in the
- 3 extracted distinguished name data with a common name contained in the stored
- 4 distinguished name data.
- 1 59. The article of manufacture of claim 54, the extracted distinguished name 2 data comprising all of the distinguished name data contained in the signed certificate.
  - 60. The article of manufacture of claim 54, the extracted distinguished name data comprising a common name.
- 1 61. The article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the content, when
- 2 accessed, further causes the machine to:
- 3 generate a key pair associated with the certificate signing request; and
- 4 identify the key pair when comparing the extracted distinguished name data with the
- 5 stored distinguished name data.



- 1 62. The article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the content, when
  - 2 accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to a server associated
  - 3 with the certificate signing request.
  - 1 63. The article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the content, when
  - 2 accessed, further causes the machine to import the signed certificate to an SSL processing
  - 3 device.